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TITLE OF INVENTION: DOSAGE FEED DEVICE FOR ADDITIVE FLUIDS

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## **Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)**

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 417 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 417 day(s).

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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

## Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-26 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: U.S. Pat. No.

2,789,510 (Meynig) discloses a dosage feed device comprising a dosing element (figure 1), an

adjustment device (5), a dosing gap (34), a valve device (41) having an open (figure 1) and

closed position (figure 2), an inner member (42), an outer member (33), a flow area (within

element 34) of the dosing gap (within element 34) is variable (within element 34), and wherein

the flow area increase with movement of the inner member (41) relative to the outer member

(33) in the direction of the fluid flow of the additive fluid but lacks the valve device arranged

following the dosing gap in a direction of fluid flow.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John K. Fristoe Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-4926. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7: 00 a.m-4: 30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin O. Evans can be reached on (571) 272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/John K. Fristoe Jr./ John K. Fristoe Jr. Primary Examiner Art Unit 3753

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